

1 (C) AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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5 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A Web-based client-server computer system for escrow
6 office related processes of real estate title transfer, comprising:

7 at least one client module associated with at least one client party for initiating an
8 escrow process with at least one escrow company; and
9 at least one server module associate with the escrow company as a server party,
10 wherein a specific escrow account between said client party and said escrow company
11 is established, maintained, tracked, and consummated via said client-server computer system.

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13 5. (ORIGINAL) The system as set forth in claim 4, comprising:

14 on-line entry and transmission of escrow initiation, escrow instructions, escrow status
15 tracking, and escrow consummation between the server party and the client party.

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17 6. (ORIGINAL) The system as set forth in claim 4, the at least one server module
18 associated with the escrow party further comprising:

19 on-line entry and transmission of service provider data between the server party and at
20 least one service provider.

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22 7. (ORIGINAL) The system as set forth in claim 4, comprising:
23 computer code providing data security.

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25 8. (ORIGINAL) The system as set forth in claim 4, comprising:
26 computer code providing for digital identity authentication for each party.

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28 9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system as set forth in claim 4, comprising:
29 digital tracking of funds or other buyer-seller compensation arrangements, and
30 disbursement of said funds or other buyer-seller compensation at or after final closing of said
31 escrow process.

1 10. (ORIGINAL) The system as set forth in claim 4, comprising:
2 tracking of all documentation required and advised for the escrow process.

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4 11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Computerized, on-line method for real estate escrow
5 processes performed by an escrow company holding an escrow account [[transactions
6 transfer]], the method comprising:

7 providing a computer based automation system of components, including components
8 providing implementation, management, and tracking of the escrow real estate transfer wherein
9 data and documents for implementing, managing, and tracking the real estate escrow
10 [[transactions-is]] processes of a real estate transfer are accessible on-line for specific parties to
11 said escrow [[transfer]] account.

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13 12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as set forth in claim 11 comprising:
14 distributing said components as computer code modules residing at principals and
15 parties to said escrow [[transfer]] account for providing party-associated data entry and access.

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17 13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as set forth in claim 12 comprising:
18 including security measures providing for a variety of data entry and access levels to
19 said escrow data and documents.

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21 14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized process for a computerized on-line real
22 estate escrow [[transaction]] office account, the process comprising:
23 providing escrow account data and electronic documents, escrow status, broker status,
24 lender status, buyer status, seller status, and vendor status via a centralized server associated
25 with an escrow officer; and
26 connecting parties to said computerized on-line real estate escrow [[transaction]] office
27 account using multiple computer network access devices via connectivity types which include
28 but are not limited to wireless, satellite, dial-up, or leased communications.

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30 15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for real-time or near-real-time real estate escrow
31 [[transactions]] company account processes~~[[procedures]]~~ and documentation, the system
32 comprising:

1 on-line Internet communications programs;
2 associated with said Internet communications programs, appropriate data, electronic
3 documents, application and transactional management network programs, and
4 including supporting network based applications for performing at least one of the
5 escrow services selected from a group including
6 receiving and storing escrow instructions upon submission by a party to the escrow
7 transaction via a computerized communications device;
8 disseminating instructions to all relevant parties by computer;
9 providing escrow documentation;
10 providing escrow documentation approvals;
11 automating order specified services;
12 real-time and near-real-time display of escrow instructions, status, and activity;
13 on-line digital identification authentication;
14 transfer of ownership;
15 closing escrow;
16 releasing of escrow funds; and
17 digital transfer of escrow funds.

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19 16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of doing business in realty using on-line
20 communications, the method comprising:
21 providing an on-line escrow account for parties to a transaction;
22 providing on-line transactional account management services with respect to the on-line
23 escrow account for said parties; and
24 providing secure access to said on-line escrow account limited to the parties and third
25 parties using on-line identification authentication.

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27 17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer memory having a program for real estate
28 escrow [[transactions]] company accounts comprising:
29 program code providing a client-server based automation system for said real estate
30 escrow [[transactions]] company accounts;
31 program code providing implementation, management, tracking, electronic
32 documentation, and closing of specific escrow [[transactions]] company accounts; and

1 program code allowing escrow [[transaction]] data access only for specific parties to said
2 escrow [[transactions]] company accounts.

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4 18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory as set forth in claim 17 wherein said program
5 code allowing escrow [[transaction]] data access only for specific parties to said escrow
6 transaction further comprises:

7 program code for identification authentication.

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9 19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory as set forth in claim 17 wherein said program
10 code providing implementation, management, tracking, and closing of specific escrow
11 [[transactions]] company accounts further comprises:

12 program code for digital signatures.

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14 20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The memory as set forth in claim 17 comprising:
15 program code for a method of doing business using an internet, the code including
16 computerized processes for providing an on-line escrow account for parties to a real estate sale
17 transaction, providing on-line transactional account management services with respect to the
18 on-line escrow account for said parties, and providing secure access to said on-line escrow
19 account limited to the parties and third parties using on-line identification authentication.

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21 21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer based automation system for escrow processes
22 and documentation using Internet computing technology, said system comprising:

23 means for implementing, managing, and tracking real estate transfer and real estate
24 financing processes by and among principal parties and their agents with respect to an escrow
25 company account requiring said processes and documentation; and

26 means for providing data and documents associated with said implementing, managing,
27 and tracking such that said data and documents are accessible to said principal parties thereto
28 and their agents and officers of said escrow company account via Internet.